

# THANKFUL LEE 4 FRANCE

Peter and Katherine | Missionaries to Avignon, France

## Prayer

**Praise for Peter's missionary license:** Peter did it...woo hoo!

**Funding:** increasing our donor base to meet 80% of our fund before our...

**Sept. "réperage" visit to Avignon:** logistical planning with kids, relating to partner church and vision setting

**Protection:** spiritual and physical

## Partnership

**Merci beaucoup** to Lakeview Covenant Church, Redeemer Life Church, Christ Covenant Church (fka Parkwood) for support!

**Upcoming visits:** Restoration Community Church, Bethel Christian Church

**Join our support team** for Bastille Day 7/14 in God's mission to Avignon, FR; use the enclosed response form

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## (Un)real Needs in France

What are the real needs in France...water, food, shelter? No. France may not be materially poor. Spiritually, however, do real people in France need the Good News of Jesus Christ? YES! The diverse peoples in France are among the 4 billion "engaged yet unreached" with challenges that seem unreal such as spiritual battle, Bible illiteracy, suicide and persecution of Christian groups. It's hard to believe because we are so blessed here in the U.S.

To remember these (un)real needs, God brought us a real messenger. Out of the blue, I (Katherine) got a phone call from an unfamiliar voice, "Hello, my name is Don. I'm from the church in Avignon." Like so many messengers of God, he was coming to town, needing some assistance, and wanting to meet over a meal. It was God-ordained. Don was on a mission to give us a message from our partner church in Avignon, France.



*Encouraged by Don the missionary*

"The church in Avignon needs you," said Don. And we needed to hear that. In the midst of our slow support raising, God reminded us to persevere against discouragement on the frontline of spiritual battle, all for the sake of sharing the Gospel in France.

God also works through you to send. Your partnership and financial support not only makes it possible for us to go but also encourages us to trust God to reach France with the love of Jesus. You, as senders, have an irreplaceable role in God's mission to meet the (un)real needs in Avignon, France.



## Kid's Cultural Corner

### Theodore (6)

Celebrated the last day of school "Au revoir, 1st grade."

Turns 7 on July 14, which is also *La fête nationale* or Bastille Day!

### Boaz (10)

Reminded me on his June birthday, "I'm in double digits now!"

Loves reading the Belgian comics *The Adventures of Tintin* in English for now...

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 Thank you! *Merci beaucoup!*

Peter and Kathy

## A Big "Felicitations" to Peter!

A big congratulations to Peter on completing what seemed like a formidable task... his missionary license!! One of his assignments was an oral history paper that he wrote on the merger of our sending church, formerly Parkwood, now Christ Covenant Church (see photo below). Faithfulness and blessings stood out as constant themes throughout the church's history.



*Our sending church's Rummage Sale raised over \$850 toward God's mission to Avignon, France!*

As the fifth missionary family to be sent by Christ Covenant, we are amazed by the support and strong commitment of our church and the Evangelical Covenant Church denomination to accomplish God's global mission.

## 50th Jubilee at Eglise Evangélique Libre d'Avignon

On a Skype call with Pastor Thierry, he sounded very busy planning the church's 50th Jubilee celebration. For the special weekend, he is planning an evangelistic concert and seminar, a Sunday celebration and bbq, a photo exposition and a wall of testimonies. Thierry's tireless passion spurs us on to join him in building God's kingdom in Avignon.



*Jubilons ensemble!*